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AMENDMENT

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action of September 6, 2007, and in accordance with the automatic extension of time for response provided by 37 CFR § 1.136(a), amendment to the above-identified patent application is requested.

The present amendment comprises the following sections:

- A. Amendments to the Specification
- B. Amendments to the Claims
- C. Remarks

Please grant any extension of time necessary for entry; charge any fee due to Deposit Account No. 16-0631.